विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(ग) निर्वाचन आयोग, निर्वाचन संबंधी अनाचारों को रोकने के लिए सभी संभव उपाय करता है । किन्तु यह संबद्ध राज्य सरकारों का कार्य है कि वे विधि व्यवस्था बनाए रखने के लिए पर्याप्त प्रबंध करे और यह सुनिश्चित करे कि बूथों पर कब्जा करने की घटनाएं न होने पाएं । कुछ अन्य उपाय जैसे बूथों पर कब्जा करने को संज्ञेय अपराध बनाने और कुछ परिस्थितियों में अपराध के लिए दंड में वृद्धि करने के लिए लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम को संशोधित करना भी निर्वाचन-सुधारों के नाम के रूप में सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

Investigation made into the functioning of companies

3572. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are investigating the cases of more than 10 companies whose share prices shot up dramatically during the boom in the stock markets in March and April, 1992;

(b) if so, the details of the companies whose share prices shot up;

(c) the reasons why the share prices of these companies shot up;

(d) whether Government propose to investigate their functioning; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) to (c) The Government ordered inspection of the following companies to ascertain whether they have deliberately delayed the transfer of shares in contravention of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or otherwise and in tandem with some share brokers with a view to reduce the floating stock of shares in the market and thereby increase the share prices:—

(1) Finolex Cables Ltd.

(2) Essar Gujarat Ltd.

(3) J. K. Synthetics Ltd.

(4) Essar Shipping Ltd.

(5) Mazda Industries and Leasing Ltd.

(6) Apollo Tyres Ltd.

(7) Associated Cement Cos. Ltd.

As per inspection reports in respect of the Associated Cement Companies Ltd., M/s. Finolex Cables Ltd., M|s. Essar Gujarat Ltd. and M/s. Essar Shipping Ltd., it appears that although the casual relationship between the delays and the price boom has not been clearly established, the companies have delayed the delivery of share certificates, duly transferred, in violation of the provisions of Section 113 of the Act.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Provision for minimum sitting of State Assemblies

3573. SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI MIRA DAS:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution to provide for a minimum sitting of State assemblies for 75 days in a year spread over 3 sessions; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?